

**Amendment to
the Agreement Between
the Department of Defense of the United States of America
and the Russian Aviation and Space Agency
Concerning Cooperation in the Elimination of
Strategic Offensive Arms**

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Agreement Between the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Russian Aviation and Space Agency Concerning Cooperation in the Elimination of Strategic Offensive Arms, dated August 26, 1993, as amended April 3, 1995, June 19, 1995, May 27, 1996, April 11, 1997, February 11, 1998, June 9, 1998, August 16, 1999, August 8, 2000, June 9, 2003, September 25, 2003, and as amended and extended August 30, 2002, hereinafter referred to as the Agreement,

The Department of Defense of the United States of America (DoD) and the Federal Space Agency (Roscosmos), which is a federal executive agency of the Russian Federation and the successor to the Russian Aviation and Space Agency, hereinafter referred to as the Parties, have agreed as follows:

1. To replace the words "Russian Aviation and Space Agency" in the title and the first preambular paragraph of the Agreement with the words "Federal Space Agency"; to add the phrase "(hereinafter Roscosmos), which is a federal executive agency of the Russian Federation and the successor to the Russian Aviation and Space Agency," after the words "Federal Space Agency" in the first preambular paragraph of the Agreement; to replace the words "the Russian Aviation and Space Agency" in every other place they appear in the text of the Agreement with the word "Roscosmos"; and to replace the word "RASA" in every place it appears in the Agreement with the word "Roscosmos".

2. To amend Article I, Paragraph 6 of the Agreement by replacing the existing subparagraph L with the following new subparagraph L:

"L. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, Roscosmos shall during the period from January 1 to December 31, 2005 disassemble fifteen (15) SS-24 ICBMS and eighteen (18) SS-25 ICBMS of the Russian Federation and shall eliminate nine (9) SS-24 ICBM launchers and twenty-seven (27) SS-25 ICBM launchers of the Russian Federation, all of which are subject to elimination pursuant to the Russian Federation Ministry of Defense (MOD) plan, at conversion or elimination facilities constructed or acquired with DoD assistance under this Agreement.

Disassembly and elimination of all SS-24 and SS-25 ICBMs and ICBM launchers shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol on Procedures Governing the Conversion or Elimination of the Items Subject to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (herein the START Conversion or Elimination Protocol)."

3. To amend Article I, Paragraph 6 of the Agreement by adding the following new subparagraph O:

"O. Where elimination of silo launchers has commenced under this Agreement before January 1, 2005, DoD shall regrade the silo launcher sites in a manner and scope comparable to the manner and scope of regrading of silo launcher sites carried out by DoD under this Agreement prior to January 14, 2005, provided that the obligations of DoD under this paragraph shall terminate upon the termination of this Agreement. Where elimination of silo launchers in accordance with Section II of the START Conversion or Elimination Protocol commences under this Agreement on or after January 1, 2005, Roscosmos shall regrade the silo launcher sites to conform to original land contours, and shall complete regrading of each silo launcher site within one year after completion of elimination of the related silo launcher or by the date of termination of this Agreement, whichever is earlier."

4. Pursuant to Article II, Paragraph 1 of the Agreement, Roscosmos hereby notifies the United States Department of Defense (DoD) that it has delegated responsibility for dismantlement of strategic ballistic missile nuclear submarines associated with the elimination of submarine-launched ballistic missile launchers covered by the Agreement and for disposal of nuclear reactors and spent nuclear fuel (hereinafter SNF) from those strategic ballistic missile nuclear submarines, to the Federal Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter Rosatom), which is a federal executive agency of the Russian Federation. Dismantlement of strategic ballistic missile nuclear submarines and disposal of nuclear reactors and SNF from the strategic ballistic missile nuclear submarines that have previously been carried out by the Ministry of Atomic Energy of the Russian Federation under this Agreement shall continue to be carried out under this Agreement by Rosatom pursuant to such delegation of responsibility.

5. To amend Article III, Paragraph 1 of the Agreement by replacing the words "one billion, seventy-seven million, seven hundred thirty-two thousand U.S. Dollars" with the words "one billion, one hundred thirty-two million, nine hundred seventy thousand U.S. Dollars."

This Amendment shall enter into force upon the date of its signature by both Parties and shall remain in force for the duration of the Agreement.

Done at Moscow, this 19 day of January, 2005, in duplicate, each in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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FOR THE FEDERAL SPACE AGENCY

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